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Art Unit 2817

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/694,952; Filed: October 29, 2003
For: **Interpolating Programmable Gain Attentuator**
Inventors: Westra *et al.*
Our Ref: 1875.4860000/RES/GSB

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply to Restriction Requirement; and

2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Reply to Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated **April 18, 2005**, Applicants **elect claims 1-11 (Group I)**, directed to an attenuator. Applicants also believe that all of these claims read on FIG. 3B (Species II), therefore, Applicants **elect Species II (FIG. 3B)**, which is coextensive with claims 1-11.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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